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This directory lists organizations actively involved in outdoor experiential education. Outdoor experiential education includes some or all of the following elements: (1) active involvement in solving outdoor problems; (2) verbal reflection following the experience; (3) introduction of a level of stress or challenge in completing the outdoor tasks; and (4) emphasis on group development and dynamics. The 75 entries are categorized as foreign and international organizations, national organizations and associations, regional and statewide organizations, college- and university-based training, and outdoor experiential education centers and camps. Each entry includes name, address, contact person, telephone number, and a brief description, including names of publications. (LP)

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This directory provides a compact collection of some of the best known and most active organizations involved in outdoor experiential education. For the purposes of this directory, we have defined outdoor experiential education as an instructional approach that includes some or all of the following elements: (1) active involvement in solving outdoor problems: (2) verbal reflection following the experience: (3) introduction of a level of stress or challenge in completing the outdoor tasks: and (4) emphasis on group development and dynamics. The groups listed here would welcome contacts from readers for further information regarding the training, technical assistance, and resources that they have to

We would like to thank Marla Riley from the Association for Experiential Education and Clifford Knapp from Northern Illinois University for their help in developing this listing.

FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Adventure Education

39 Brunswick Square
Penrith, Cumbria CA11/7LS
England
Chris Loynes
(011)44/768/891065
Publisher of the journal, Adventure Education and Outdoor Leadership, and the Outdoor Source Book, Adventure Education also offers training assistance and provides ropes courses, publications, resources, and maps.

sional body for outdoor educators in the

province of Ontario. Sponsors an annual

Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario

Caledon East, Ontario
Canada L0N 1E0
Glen K. Hester
416/880-0862
A nonprofit volunteer organization that
promotes the concept and practice of
outdoor education and acts as a profes-

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conference, publishes the journal, Path-wavs.

Enviros Wilderness School Association

5121 17th Ave NW Calgary, Alberta T3B OP8 Canada 403/288-5104

FAX: 403/247-2746 A group of programs serving young people and families in Alberta. Outdoor

and experiential education are an integral component of all programs.

'Glengarry'

The Scots College Jacks Corner Rd Kangaroo Valley N.S.W. 2577 Australia The Master 044/651 089

FAX: 044/651 458
On 640 hectares (approximately 1,580 acres), accommodates up to 80 students for half of their year 9 secondary education. Integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with an adventurous outdoor education program. Publications include campus brochure and yearbook.

International Association for the Study of Cooperation in Education

Box 1582 Santa Cruz CA 95061-1582 Marketing Director 408/426-7926 FAX: 408/426-3360

Promotes all aspects of cooperation in education. The association's periodical, *Cooperative Learning* published a resource guide in 1992, Volume 12, No. 4.

Outward Bound U.S.A.

384 Field Point Rd Greenwich CT 06830 Marketing Department 203/661-0797 FAX: 203/661-0903

A professional experiential outdoor education program and leadership training program. Courses focus on high adventure challenges for human growth and development learnings. Publishes newsletters, occasional papers and a catalogue of course offerings. Can provide contact information for Outward Bound programs around the country and world-wide.

Profauna, U.S.

PO Box 347
Jamestown CO 80455
David M. Knotts
303/449-0603
FAX: 303/449-1319

Seeks to raise the quality of life through the promotion of the wise use of natural resources. Promotes research and education programs that increase the level of awareness and knowledge of environmental and conservation issues. Special focus on developing countries.

Project Adventure, inc.

PO Box 100 Hamilton MA 01936 508/468-7981 FAX: 508/468-7605

A nonprofit educational organization with offices in North America and abroad. Trains practitioners to use adventure education in traditional classrooms, physical education programs, counseling and intervention groups as well as for school-wide team building. Adventure programs include the use of high- and low-challenge ropes courses, cooperative education techniques, and the current research in school restructuring.

Youth Challenge International (YCI)

11 Soho St Toronto, Ontario M5T 1Z6 Canada Roberta Cowen 416/971-9846 FAX: 416/971-6863

YCI promotes young people's active, responsible, and continuing participation in critical issues of local and global development. The 18- to -25-year-old participants come from all walks of life and have been involved in hundreds of international projects ranging in locations from the Canadian and Pussian Arctic to the rain forests of Central and South America.





NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Camping Association

5000 State Rd 67 N Martinsville IN 46151 John Miller 317/342-8456 FAX: 317/342-2065

A professional, nonprofit organization of camping personnel and camps. Certifies camp directors and accredits day and resident camps. Sponsors an annual conference and publishes journal, Camping Magazine.

Association for Experiential Education (AEE)

2885 Aurora Ave #28 Boulder CO 80303-2252 Barbara A. Baker 303/440-8844 FAX: 303/440-9581

Not-for-profit, international membership organization with roots in adventure education committed to the development, practice, and evaluation of experiential learning in all settings. Sponsors regional and international conferences; publishes books, the *Journal of Experiential Education*, and a jobs clearinghouse monthly report; and provides educational materials and programs.

Boy Scouts of America

1325 Walnut Hill Ln Irving TX 75038 Rob Pruden 214/530-2421 FAX: 214/580-2502

Develops programs and activities in the outdoors for boys and adults to enhance individual development and American citizenship. Sponsors annual conference.

Coalition for Education in the Outdoors

Box 2000 Cortland NY 13045 Bruce E. Matthews 607/753-4971 FAX: 607/753-5999

A network of organizations, associations, institutions, agencies, and businesses that seek to support the broad aims of education in the outdoors by facilitating communication, interaction, and cooperation among members and others. Cosponsors conferences with other organizations; has newsletter, *Taproot*.

Corporate Challenge, Inc.

514 E 40th St Austin TX 78751-5104 Joel Cryer 512/454-2991 FAX: 512/454-6404

Provides training to increase self-confidence and motivation through outdoor-based problem-solving and teamwork

experiences. Trains at work sites, convention centers, retreat settings, and more exotic locations. Planning and follow-up activities help team members meet objectives and transfer learned skills. Training customized to accommodate age and physical needs.

Council on Outdoor Education

AAHPERD/ARAPCS 1900 Association Dr Reston VA 22180 Raymond A. Clszer 703/476-3430 FAX: 703/476-9527

A professional association structure in the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance that promotes the broad aims and objectives of outdoor education. Sponsors an annual conference; has newsletter, Council on Outdoor Education Newsletter, and publishes in the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools

Appalachia Educational Laboratory P.O. Box 1348 Charleston WV 25325-1348 Craig B. Howley 300/624-9120 FAX: 304/347-0487

A federally funded clearinghouse responsible for collecting, archiving, and disseminating information about outdoor and experiential education. Coverage includes major journals, reports, books, brochures, research syntheses, and other published and unpublished resources. Publishes monographs, digests, and a newsletter.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

420 5th Ave New York NY 10018-2702 Carolyn Kennedy 212/852-8000

Provides opportunities for young women to participate in activities that encourage personal development through projects in social action, community environmental action, wildlife values education, and community service. Sponsors an annual conference and publishes journal, *Girl Scout Leader Magazine*.

Global Alliance for Transforming Education, The

4202 Ashwoody Trail Atlanta GA 30319 Phil Gang 404/458-5678 FAX: 404/454-9749

Promotes a vision of education that fosters personal greatness, social justice, peace, and a sustainable environment. Publishes newsletters and other information.

National Consortium on Alternatives for Youth at Risk, inc.

5250 17th St-Ste 107 Sarasota FL 34235 Helen F. Lingle 813/378-4793 800/245-7133 FAX: 813/37d-9922

A foundation-supported educational agency that researches and disseminates information on the needs of youth and on effective programs, including the use of outdoor experiences and other alternatives to incarceration.

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

Box AA Lander WY 82520-0579 Jim Ratz 307/332-6973 FAX: 307/332-3631

A professional outdoor leadership training program. Offers a variety of wilderness experiences including an Outdoor Educator's Course. Provides information on expedition planning, leadership training, and conservation practices. Distributes newsletter, *The Leader*, and publishes *NOLS Catalog*.

National Society for Experiential Education

3509 Haworth Dr-Ste 207 Raleigh NC 27609-7229 Director 919/787-3263

Supports the use of learning through experience as an integral part of education. Publishes Experiential Education Newsletter.

National Wildlife Federation

1400 16th St NW Washington DC 20036-2266 Gary J. San Julian 703/790-4483 FAX: 703/442-7332

Publishes science and nature curriculum supplements, conducts camps and adventure programs for youth and adults, conducts training for leaders of youth programs, and has established a trail for individuals with disabilities.

Outdoor Network, The

PO Box 2269 Boulder CO 80306-2269 Marketing Director 303/443-3480

Devoted to information and education related to all aspects of outdoor use and programming. Publisher of *The Outdoor Network Newsletter*.

Soil Conservation Service

Box 2890 Washington DC 20013 Thomas Levermann



202/720-0430

A government agency (U.S. Department of Agriculture) that promotes the science and art of good land use through its educational action programs. Publishes periodical, Soil and Water Conservation News.

Student Conservation Association (SCA)

PÓ Box 550 Charlestown NH 03603 Lesley Sullivan 603/543-1700 FAX: 603/543-1828

For over 35 years, has provided through its internship program a starting place for adults and students beginning a career protecting the nation's wildlands and natural resources.

Wilderness Education Association

North Country Community College Saranac Lake NY 12983 Jack Drury 518/891-2915

A professional outdoor leadership training program that offers National certification of wilderness leaders. Publishers of a curriculum lesson plan manual and newsletter, Wilderness Education Association.

Wilderness Medicine Institute

PO Box 9 300 10th St Pitkin CO 81241 303/641-3572

Provides training and information for the recognition, treatment, and prevention of wilderness emergencies. Provider of the SOLO Wilderness Medicine certification for the western United States. Distributors of: The Wilderness Medicine Newsletter, Medicine For Backcountry, The Basic Essentials of Avalanche Safety, and Backcountry First Aid and Extended Care.

Woodswomen, Inc.

25 W Diamond Lake Rd Minneapolis MN 55419 Liz Ohle 612/822-3809 FAX: 612/822-3814

Woodswomen is a nonprofit adventure travel organization offering a variety of educational and vacation-oriented trips for women of all ages. Trips are one-day to three-week adventures in the U.S. and around the world. Offers outdoor leadership courses. Publishes Woodswomen News.

REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

Adventure Designs PO Box 31

Colorado Springs CO 80901 Mike Hartley

719/635-8667

Provides a wide range of experiential services to agencies and individuals including construction and design of challenge courses and climbing walls; staff training for challenge course and climbing programs; program and challenge course safety inspections; challenge course construction workshops; challenge course, team building, and climbing programs for public school, treatment, and leadership development groups; and rockclimbing guiding and instructional services.

Alliance for Environmental Education

51 Main St PO Box 368 The Plains VA 22171 Thomas P. Benjamin 703/253-5812 FAX: 703/253-5811

Since 1972 committed to keeping environmental concerns at the forefront of the national agenda. It provides a neutral forum for the exchange of scientifically and technologically accurate information on the environment in order to realize a vision of an educated society working to sustain a quality environment.

Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County

Office of Outdoor and Environmental Education Valentine and the Plain Rd Westbury NY 11590 Lucinda Hurley 516/997-8700, Ext.264 FAX: 516/997-0319

One of the largest and most diversified programs in New York State with 50 fulland part-time employees. Serves approximately 56 local school districts encompassing a population of 300,000 teachers, administrators, and students who look to this office to facilitate the use of the out-of-doors for learning at a variety of sites.

Boojum institute for Experiential Education

PO Box 687 Idyllwild CA 92349 Martha Christy 909/659-6250 FAX: 909/659-6251

A nonprofit organization that offers programs focusing on environmental education, team building, and outdoor skill building in wilderness areas throughout Southern California.

California Outdoor School Administrators

450 N Grand Ave-Rm H-104 Los Angeles CA 90012

Sandy Gitmed 213/625-4933 FAX: 213/617-0962

Sponsors a semiannual conference for 25-30 outdoor school programs in the state of California. Conducts certification for outdoor schools as required. Devel-

oped Resident Outdoor Science School (ROSS) certification guide. Established

Environmental Education Program

Tennessee Valley Authority Forestry Bldg 17 Ridgeway Rd FOR 2B-N Norris TN 37828

Lynn Hodges 615/632-1640 615/632-1599

FAX: 615/632-1612

Administers a network of 16 centers (located in seven states) for environmental education. Four primary functions: teacher training, program development and distribution, regional service, and research. Current projects include development of programs and materials for public schools and the general public related to water quality, energy, waste management, and stewardship.

Farm and Wilderness Foundation, Inc.

HCR 70 Box 27 Plymouth VT 05056 Jeanette Maione 802/422-3761 FAX: 802/422-3762

Offers experiential workshops for school groups of all ages, senior citizens, social service organizations, and girl and boy scouts. Workshops offered in: groupbuilding essentials, group adventure courses, ropes courses, rock climbing, orienteering, wilderness survival skills, spring and fall organic farming, earthly connections, amazing animals, and wild adventures.

Institute for Creative Living, The

3630 Fairmont Blvd Cleveland Heights OH 44118 Michelle L. Sanson 216/932-3785

Provides outdoor experiential training and educational programs on a contractual basis with schools, agencies, and compretions. Structured outdoor challenges through such activities as: lowlevel initiatives, high ropes courses, wilderness skills, and team challenge programs.

Odyssey.

Cedar Vista Hospital 7171 N Cedar Ave Fresno CA 93720 John Dufresne 209/449-8000 FAX: 209/431-5947



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Experiential learning program components include: (1) programming for inpatient, partial hospitalization, and community therapy groups; (2) working with area schools designing programs for leadership and high risk youth; and (3) programming for executives, managers, and work teams. Utilizes initiatives, ropes course, climbing, and various activities in the Sierra mountains.

Office of Environmental Cooperative Management

Tennessee Valley Authority 415 Walnut St LB 2B-K Knoxville TN 37902 John R. Paulk 615/632-3474 615/632-3473 FAX: 615/632-2291

The program provides information and technical assistance for the development of environmental education training and technology transfer. Manages its partnership with the Alliance for Environmental Education (nonprofit organization), the Network for Environmental Education.

Southwest Center for Experiential Learning (SWCEL)

514 E 40th St Austin TX 78751-5104 Joel Cryer 512/454-2991 FAX: 512/454-6404

An independent adventure education service, committed to growth and development through outdoor experiential learning. Specializes in the planning, design, construction, safety and maintenance, and facilitator training of top quality ropes and challenge courses. Utilizes whitewater rafting, canoeing, mountaineering, backpacking, initiative activities, new games, rock climbing, rappelling, urban adventures, and caving.

STREAM

c/o David Cady 1315 Ann Ave St. Louis MO 63104 314/772-9002 314/772-8626 FAX: 314/772-7542

Provides leadership education through experiential adventure programming. Operates on a year-round basis and is mobile, using public lands as the base for wilderness programs. Skilled in providing instruction in canoe tripping, camping, ropes courses, rock climbing, and rappelling.

Summit Adventure

Box 498 Bass Lake CA 93604 Dave Kelley 209/642-3899 800/827-1282 FAX: 209/642-2746

Christian program offers 5-21 day courses in California's Sierra Mountains and Joshua Tree National Monument. All trips are built around a basic core of activities including: backpacking, rock climbing, exploration on the area's wild-life and terrain, a peak ascent, orienteering, a solo experience, processing of activities and dialogues. Courses for adults, families, youth at risk, disabled, and private groups. Also a 3-day climbing seminar.

Youth Opportunities Program

Appalachian Mountain Club 5 Joy St Boston MA 02114 Jeanne Twehous 617/523-0636 FAX: 617/523-0722

Started in 1968 as an outings program for inner-city youth. Has evolved into an outdoor leadership training program for youth workers, who—once traned—have access to the program's depot of camping equipment. Offers training workshops on canoeing, map and compass, rock climbing, search and rescue, and more.

COLLEGE- AND UNIVERSITY-BASED TRAINING

Adventure Sports institute, The

Garrett Community College Mosser Rd McHenry MD 21541 Barbara Trask 301/387-6666 FAX: 301/387-7469

Advance education and participation in outdoor adventure sports contributing to health and fitness, safety, professional development, environmental appreciation, and growth of related industries. Offers a two-year degree program with Frostburg State University for a Bachelor's degree with adventure sports emphasis.

Alaska Wilderness Studies

University of Alaska Anchorar ∋ 3211 Providence Dr Anchorage AK 99508 Todd Miner 907/786-1468 FAX: 907/786-1563

The outdoor education arm of the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Classes vary in length from a single weekend, to an entire semester. Some are expeditionstyle, and include both credit and noncredit formats. Hosts visiting schools and institutions.

Boston University Sargent Camp RFD #3-Windy Row

Peterborough NH 03458 603/525-3311

Year-round cutdoor education and retreat center in southwestern New Hampshire for groups up to 180. Adventure-based and environmental programs for schools, colleges, professional groups. Internships available.

Colgate University Outdoor Education Program

211 Huntington Gym Hamilton NY 13346 Gary Nielsen 315/824-7323

Provides students with opportunities to participate in structured and instructional, noncompetive outdoor activities. Activities designed to meet the needs of anyone, from the beginner to the advanced, and opportunities are wide ranging—from beginning camping to white-water rafting.

Cornell Outdoor Education

Cornell Athletics PO Box 729 Ithaca NY 14851 607/255-9791

Program aims for students are: to learn safe outdoor skills as a means to lifelong fitness, personal challenge and recreation; to develop leadership, teamwork, and effective group interaction skills; to challenge self-perceived limitations; and to develop awareness of the environment and responsibility to care for it.

Dallas Safari Club Texas A & M University

6390 LBJ Freeway-Ste 108 Dallas TX 75247 Tommy Humphrey 214/980-9800 FAX: 214/980-9925

Offers a multidisciplinary, hands-on out-door education experience to teachers in the public or private schools or to university education majors. Classes held on campus and a five-day field school conducted in the Weminuche Wilderness of southwestern Colorado. Graduate credit and scholarships available. Publishes a journal, *Hunters Quest Magazine*. Sponsors an annual conference.

Dartmouth College

Office of Outdoor Programs PO Box 9 Hanover NH 03755 Brian Kunz 603/646-2428

Sponsors physical education courses and workshops in Alpine and Nordic skiing, rock climbing, ice climbing, trap shooting, biathlon, and riding on 32,000 acres of scenic properties owned by the college. Affiliated with local riding, moun-

tain climbing, bicycle, and rifle clubs. Established in 1979.

Faculty in Outdoor Teacher Education Northern Illinois University

Lorado Taft Field Campus Box 299 Oregon IL 61061 Morris Bud Wiener 815/732-2111 FAX: &15/753-9040

Offers M.S. Ed. degree program in Outdoor Teacher Education, 12 to 14 teaching assistantships available annually, master's degree program emphasis in outdoor/environmental program development and leadership training, short term residential outdoor education programs for undergraduate students, and residential outdoor education programs for area public and private schools. Has library with large research/dissertation collection. Sponsors an annual colloquium conference. Has newsletter, Taft Campus Newsletter, publishes a journal. Journal of Outdoor Education.

Georgetown Outdoor Leadership Department (GOLD)

Office of Student Affairs 237 Leavey Ctr Washington DC 20057 Shelley McEachern 202/687-4056 FAX: 202/687-6255

A four-day, out-of-doors orientation program designed for first-year students at Georgetown. Promotes an awareness and appreciation of racial, gender-related, and cultural differences through a challenging outdoors experience and new games.

Leisure Connection Outdoor Program San Diego State University

5828 Hardy Ave San Diego CA 92182-9105 Jim Lustig 619/594-6994 FAX: 619/594-6092

The outdoor education and recreation program at SDSU, serves 1,000 persons each year through weekend and holiday outings, teen adventure camps, monthlong outdoor leadership certification expeditions through the Wilderness Education Association, and extended summer and winter adventures from Baja to Alaska. Specializes in contract courses and programs for both the university community and outside organizations.

National Audubon Society Expedition Institute

Leslie College Graduate School

PO Box 365 Belfast ME 04915 Sanna McKim 207/338-5859

FAX: 207/338-1037

A fully accredited undergraduate and graduate environmental education program, operates in partnership with the National Audubon Society and Lesley College Graduate School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Provides an experiential education program that creates skilled, creative, and compassionate leaders who affect through their initiative and global vision the conservation of all life.

Outdoor Education Institute Texas A & M University

Camille J. Bunting 409/845-3758 Coordinates the outdoor adventure leadership training program and an interdisciplinary specialization in outdoor education. Research is an important component of the Institute, with the focus being

primarily on the psychosocial and physiological aspects of adventure.

College Station TX 77843-4243

Recreation Administration Department

Aurora University Aurora IL 60506 Rita Yerkes 708/844-5404 FAX: 708/844-5463

Accredited through the National Recreation and Parks Association and American Association for Leisure and Recreation. Students may earn a master's of science or bachelor's degree in outdoor pursuits, recreation administration, outdoor therapeutic recreation, or outdoor leadership. Graduate assistantships and grants available for students who qualify.

State University of New York at Cortland

PO Box 2000 Cortland NY 13045 Anderson Young 607/753-4941 FAX: 607/753-5999

Offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs related to outdoor education, environmental interpretation, organized camping, and outdoor pursuits. Operates a year-round Outdoor Education Center on Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks. Established in 1947. Sponsors an annual conference.

Unity College in Maine

HC 78 Box 1 Unity ME 04988 Ed Raiola 207/948-3131

University of New Hampshire

New Hampshire Hall 124 Main St Durham NH 03824-3559 Michael Gass 603/862-2024

OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION **CENTERS AND CAMPS**

Bay Area Adventure School

11180 Cedar Run Rd Traverse Cltv MI 49684 Don Freed

616/275-7929 FAX: 616/275-7929

Part of the Traverse City (MI) Area Public Schools. Works with a variety of populations, ranging from corporate executives to elementary classrooms. Experiencebased activities are used, such as nature study, high ropes activities, and extended wilderness trips. Internships are available to graduate & undergraduate students.

Bradford Woods Outdoor Center

Indiana University 5040 St Rd 67 N Martinsville IN 46151 Gary Robb 317/342-2915

FAX: 317/349-1086

Provides residential outdoor education and camping programs year around. Also provides leadership development and training via adventure challenge program. The National Center on Accessibility and the national headquarters of the American Camping Association are located on the property.

Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center

PO Box 697 Breckenridge CO 80424 303/453-6422 FAX: 303/453-4676

Provides outdoor programs for people with physical and mental disabilities, serious illnesses, and 'at-risk' populations. Activities include ropes course, teambuilding and trust activities, rock-climbing, rafting, downhill and cross-country skiina.

Charlotte Outdoor Adventure Center,

2601 E 7th St Charlotte NC 28204 Brian Capron and Linda Chapman-Capron 704/334-4631

FAX: 704/332-7551

Offers experience-based adventure learning opportunities for corporate and community groups nationwide, challenge course design and construction, training for trainers, and facilitation and consulting services.

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center

23390 Co Rd K Cortez CO 81321 Margie Connolly 303/565-8975

A not-for-profit organization dedicated to



archaeological research and education. Outdoor programs are offered for children and adults.

Earthquest Outdoor School

2303 18th St Vernon, BC V1T 3Z9 Canada B. Reed 604/545-0701

A student-centered program designed to enhance learning ability and self-discipline. Students are enrolled in the Earthquest program from September-January or from February-June. Students enrolled in the Earthquest program receive credit in the following academic areas: social studies, physical education, earth science, biology, chemistry, English, and algebra.

El Camino Pines Outdoor School

Star Rt Box 9995 Frazier Park CA 93225 Steve Lee 805/245-3519 FAX: 805/245-2047

A three- to five-day residential, academic, community-building experience. Interdisciplinary approach to natural sciences, outdoor pursuits, social studies. and humanities.

Experiential Learning Center

Birmingham Public Schools 20500 W 13 Mile Rd Beverly Hills MI 48075 Jim Moll 313/433-8775 FAX: 313/645-4979

Through serving others, students gain perspective, a sense of belonging to a larger community, and become better able to appreciate people from different backgrounds and situations. Programming includes wilderness experiences, urban exploration, service learning projects, retreats, cooperative learning and teaching, staff development, and cultural diversity workshops.

Hillside Outdoor Education Center

Gage Rd Brewster NY 10509 Marty Newell 914/279-2996, Ext. 316

Residential facility offering programs based on school curriculum-colonial crafts, initiatives, adventure activities, environmental focus. Includes day programs, weekend rentals, and summer day camp. Has a newsletter, Green Chimney's Bulletin.

Houston independent School District

Outdoor Education Center Rt 2 Box 25-B Trinity TX 75862 Roberta McFarland or Tom Cosper 800/729-6291 409/594-7074 409/594-8143

A residential program that serves fifth graders from approximately 130 elementary schools. Promotes environmental concerns, builds on classroom activities, and promotes positive social interaction between various ethnic groups. Students participate in the following: pond study, canoeing, math, new games, language arts, initiative games, gardening. forest community study and fishing.

Joy Outdoor Education Center

PO Box 157 Clarksville OH 45113 513/289-2031 FAX: 513/289-3179

A nonprofit organization dedicated to using the outdoors as a classroom for teaching people to get along with each other and the environment. Operates September-May Outdoor School for elementary and middle-school students: programming for business, civic, and nonprofit organizations.

Lee & Rose Warner Nature Center

15375 Norell Ave N Marine-on-St. Croix MN 55047 612/433-2427

Over 500 acres of hardwood forest, grassland, bog, and lake inhabited only by native wildlife such as deer, beaver. raccoon, mink, birds (both resident and migratory), turtles, frogs, and a variety of insects. During the school year, Nature Center programs and field trips are geared principally to children in grades 3-8 (fall and spring) and grades 4-8 (winter).

Meet the Wilderness

Box 468 Edwards CO 81632 James Himmes or Joe Schmitt 303/926-2010 303/476-9251

A youth- and young-adult-oriented adventure education program. Promotes physical, mental, and spiritual growth using wilderness as a medium. Core program is a six-day wilderness backpacking trip in the Rocky Mountains. Works with at-risk populations, abused

youth, and youth with behavioral problems. Program operates from May 1st through Oct 31st.

Merrowvista Education Center

Ossipee NH 03864 Dan Garvey 603/539-6607 FAX: 603/539-7504

A nonprofit organization dedicated to developing human resources through the wise use and quardianship of the natural environment. Provides experiential education programs for elementary and secondary students, leadership development training for students and adults; and a summer camp for youth.

Nentahale Outdoor Center

13077 Hwv 19 W Bryson City NC 28713 **Betsey Lewis** 704/488-2175 FAX: 704/488-2498

Provides whitewater-rafting, canoeing, kayak and rock-climbing instruction. Custom school and college programs; biking and adventure travel; meals, lodging, and an outfitters store.

New Horizons

Eagle Village, Inc. 8500 S 170th Ave Hersey MI 49639 Steve Prudhomme 616/832-2234 FAX: 616/832-2470

An exciting outdoor, adventure-based program that challenges participants to use abilities and reach untapped potential. Benefits include growth in self-confidence and self-esteem, trust, leadership, and physical abilities. Develops skills in listening, critical thinking, and problemsolving.

Northern Outdoors

PO Box 100 Rt 201 The Forks ME 04985 Russell Walters 800/765-7238

Learning with Adventure program (for high school, college, youth and community populations) develops self-esteem and group initiative and introduces the Development through team concept. Adventure Program (for corporations and other organizations) uses the outdoors as a classroom to explore the range of skills, qualities, and emotions needed to help valuable individuals form high-performing teams.

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